— The report of the Eradi Committee is available on the web site of the department www.nic.in/dca.

On the basis of the recommendation of the Committee and after taking into consideration the views of the Group of Ministers (GoM) which includes Minister of Labour, the introduction of the Bill is at an advance stage.

**Action against Industrial Houses under MRTP Act**

2453. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industrial houses and major private companies as on date under the MRTP Act, 1969, State-wise;

(b) what are the details of action taken by Government against these industrial houses and private companies during the last two years for violating the Act, till date;

(c) whether the amount of tax has been paid by them to Government during the said period, item-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Consequent upon deletion of Part A of the Chapter III MRTP Act, 1969, with effect from 27.9.1991, the concept of MRTP companies is no longer in vogue. As such, data on industrial houses and major private companies are not complied separately by the Department of Company Affairs.

**Judgements reserved by Supreme Court and High Courts**

2454. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of cases in which judgements have been reserved by the Supreme Court and High Courts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when?

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AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Some cases of delayed judgements have doubtless come to notice. As delivery of judgement is a part of the judicial function of judges, Government does not directly intervene in this matter.

There are 82 cases which are pending in the Supreme Court of India for pronouncement of final judgement after hearing in these cases is over out of which 17 cases are pending for more than six months for pronouncement of judgement.

The number of cases pending in various High Courts in which the hearings are over and the judgements have been reserved, as reported by the High Courts in their quarterly reports, is given in the Statement annexed.

**Statement**

*Number of cases in which judgement reserved & pending in various High Courts as on 31.12.1999*

| | Name of the High Court | MONTHS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1—2 | 2—4 | 4—6 | over 6 |
| * 1 | Allahabad | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Bombay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Calcutta | 3 | 19 | 6 | 0 |
| 5 | Delhi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Gauhati | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | J & K | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Kerala | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| * 12 | Madhya Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Madras | 110 | 90 | 137 | 229 |
| 14 | Orissa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| * 15 | Patna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Punjab & Haryana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL : | 117 | 117 | 143 | 229 |

Grand Total = 606

*The information includes in respect of undivided Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand High Court respectively.

**Pending cases in Rajasthan and Orissa High Courts**

2455. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in both Rajasthan and Orissa High Courts during the last three years in each category, year-wise and State-wise, till date;

(b) what have been the reasons for inordinate delay in disposing of the cases, State-wise; and

(c) the steps State Governments have taken, till date, for their early disposal?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As per available information, the number of cases pending in both Rajasthan and